(c) the target fixed for providing employment through Central schemes during 1996-97, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yearwise and Statewise estimates of unemployed persons in rural areas in the country are not available. However, the comparative rates of unemployment revealed by NSSO rounds conducted during 1987-88 and 1993-94 in Rural Areas, according to different approaches of measurement are as under:—

*Unemployment rate in Rural Areas

	1987-88	1993-94
(i) Usual Principal Status	3.07	1.80
(ii) Usual Principal & Subsidiary status	1.98	1.20
(iii) Current Weekly Status	4.19	3.00
(iv) Current Daily Status	5.25	5.63

*Unemployed as percentage of labour force.

(b) and (c): The number of persons/ families provided employment during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 & 1995-96 through major employment programmes viz. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) undertaken by the Ministry all over the country including the targets fixed during 1996-97 (except in case of EAS and IRDP where no physical targets are fixed are given in Annexures I to III *[See Appendix 179, Annexure No. 46]*

Single-point light connections in Bihar

2139. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary provisions made for providing single point light connections under Kutir Jyoti Programme in Bihar during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how many single point light connections were provided under the programme in the State during the said period, year-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether the allocation for the State for 1996-97 has been finalised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Details of Kutir Jyoti grant provided and connections released during the past three years in the State of Bihar are as under:

Year	Allocation (Rs. in Lakhs)	Connection released (No.)
1993-94	2.196	5944
1994-95	87.280	21820
1995-96	87.280	15410
TOTAL	176.756	43174

District-wise details of connections released are given in statement.

(c) and (d) A target of 5000 Kutir Jyoti connections has been tentatively allocated to Bihar State for 1996-97 with a grant provision of Rs. 20 lakhs.

Statement

No. of Kutir Jyoti Connections released during past three years in Bihar.

Sl. No.	District	NO. OF CONNECTIONS RELEASED		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Patna	549	1939	—
2.	Gaya	291	276	379
3.	Jahanabad	—	300	—
4.	Nawadah	410	150	—
5.	Aurangabad	300	195	500
6.	Bhojpur	755	2406	2095
7.	Buxar	675	1603	1171
8.	Rohtas	1000	2084	1615
9.	Bhabhua	115	270	600
10.	Palamau	409	1811	905
11.	Gadhwa		952	37
12.	Singhbhum (E)		400	583
13.	Singhbhum (W)	1360	4367	2000
14.	Hazaribagh		400	267
15.	Chatra		—	403
16.	Bhagalpur		1429	657
17.	Banka		388	368
18.	Deoghar		726	648
19.	Dumka	80	389	1299
20.	Godda		759	—
21.	Sahebganj		976	1405
22.	Pokur		—	358
23.	Kodarma		—	320
	TOTAL	5944	21820	15410

Under payment by Oil India Ltd.

2140. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention had been drawn to the report which appeared in the 'Telegraph' dated the 29th October, 1996 regarding alleged undue payment of Rs. 70 crores to a private party by Oil India Ltd. for drilling of well in Saurashtra and Mahanadi basin, if so Government's reaction thereto;

(b) the targeted depth of drilling in four wells and the actual depth of drilling carried out in each case;

(c) whether conclusive tests as per the contract were carried out to establish the prospectivity of the areas; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) Yes, Sir. The payments made by Oil India Ltd. in respect of mobilisation charges and part of the jobs completed for the three Saurashtra wells is Rs. 52.92 crores and no advance payment of Rs. 70 crores has been made to the contractor. The contract has been terminated on 12.10.96 and performance guarantee invoked. However, the contractor has obtained an injunction from the Court and the decision of the Court is awaited.

(b) The targeted depth and actual depth of drilling is indicated below:—

Well No.	Target	Actual
SEP-1	3100 M	3025 M
SEP-2	2800 M	3000 M
SEP-3	1600 M	1458 M
NEC	5000 M	—

(c) and (d) Four Zones in SEP-1 well and two Zones in SEP-2 well were tested. SEP-1 well produced formation water with minor indication of hydrocarbon gas in one Zone and hydrogen sulphide in two Zones. The two Zones in SEP-2 well produced formation water. The SEP-3 well was not tested due to non availability of hydrocarbon prospects.

Financial assistance to States for Rural Electrification

2141. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the detalis of financial assistance provided to Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra for rural electrification during the last three years, with a view to utilise ground water resources through